

Knoxville Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes for January 13, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Mohler, Fuller, Konrad, Anderson, and Nemmers

Minutes for December 9, 2019: The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Mohler to approve, Konrad seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Agenda / Reports:

Brandon went through his monthly report. Notable items are:

- Brandon has worked with the DNR in regards to the trees at the VA Campus; Pleasant St. to the buildings. In all there are 162 trees. Sixteen of those trees need pruning, 88 trees have no needs at this time, and 58 trees will need removed.
- The Competine Trail engineers are staking the area for tree and brush removal for the trail expansion.
- Brandon will attend a Parks Interest Group in Ames, which is hosted by the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association to learn about Master Planning for Parks.
- Membership numbers are strong and facility usage has been high. Customers are receiving great service and strong classes.
- Brandon is working on bids to have the pool painted and Oliva has sent off for the starting blocks to be manufactured.
- Our annual pool inspection has been completed and staff have received high praise for all of their work regarding the pool and its management.

Brandon went through Olivia's report. Notable items are:

- The new starting blocks will take 14-16 weeks to be manufactured.
- A new Swim Team Board has been started by dedicated swim team parents. The board plans to conduct fundraising activities and will take on responsibilities involved with running a swim team as well as home meets.
 - Two of the fundraising events will be a Swim-A-Thon in February and an Alumni/Adult swim meet. Admission will be charged and participants will pay a fee to participate.

Brandon went through Angie's report. Notable items are:

- Ten in the morning (10 AM) fitness classes are by far the busiest of the day.
- Strength workshops will be held in February and again in April. Instructors will teach participants how to safely and properly lift weights.
- The new interactive schedule has been well received. Not only does this let members know when classes will be held, but also provides them with health and safety tips.

The Rec Center has approximately 1,356 total members. This is an all-time high number for memberships. Great job to Brandon, Angie, Olivia, and the whole Rec Center staff!

A motion to adjourn was made by Fuller which was seconded by Mohler. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Fuller

February 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Monthly Report

Director:

Pool paint bids are starting to come in and are due Friday, February 28 at noon. I should be receiving bids from four companies.

I have ordered the main Pool Pump that will be installed during our shutdown in April.

Power Volleyball and Open Volleyball will come to an end in February. Attendance has been pretty low for Power Volleyball.

Membership numbers have hit an all-time high over 1,400 members. The facility has never reached the 1,400 mark for members.

The City Council awarded the trail bid to Absolute Concrete of Slater in the amount of \$969,976. I continue to work on this almost daily as there is a lot of behind the scenes work due to the project going through the D.O.T.

Flowers have been ordered for the square and the other pots that we have placed around town. Planting of these will happen in the spring.

Seasonal job announcement will be out soon. I do have a couple of staff that will be coming back from last season.

The Dog Park project will continue in the spring as long as the weather cooperates. This project is a huge upgrade to the area.

Wellness Supervisor:

As we roll into February, it still feels like January with the amount of new faces continually coming to classes. We are working hard to make the new faces feel welcome and confident in class to keep them coming back and engaged in their own health and wellness journey. I have placed instructor cards on the fitness carts with positive quotes on the back for the instructors to hand out at will and so far, they have been fun for both us and the members. They say things like, you make this class fun! And Thank you for coming today! As well as various other feel-good comments. It's nice to get our cards in their hands so they can pass them on to others as well.

Personal training is staying about the same. We have picked up a few new clients for program design as well as on-going training.

Lauren and I worked together to re-do all the information boards to incorporate our nutrition certifications and knowledge that we have in house. They are very informative and fun to help the new or seasoned exerciser. Each month we put recipes and fitness programs to help give members ideas for fitness and nutrition.

Aquatics Supervisor:

We are wrapping up the swim season very soon. We have a swim meet in Grinnell this Saturday and the final regular season meet at home on February 15. We have 31 swimmers out of 52 swimmers who have qualified for the state so far. It has been great to see so many swimmers reach their goals in qualifying for this meet! The State meet will be in Carroll this year on February 29.

We have started group swimming lessons again this month. Our first session went great on Tuesday night, February 4! We have a full class of the parent and child aquatics level and preschool level. We also have 3 adult swim lesson participants this session! I have great staff members helping me teach these courses.

I am looking forward to helping with our pool repainting coming up in April. I also plan completely clean and re-organize our equipment storage room, lifeguard room, and swim team storage room. It will be great to have a fresh and clean pool area!